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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 9/27/56
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LAB FILE

FILE # 9-30861-1
SAC # D-236548 30

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Specimen requested by: SAC, Buffalo, (9-Box)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 9/24/56 Date received: 9/27/56

Specimen requested: Document

Result of examination:

No ident ALF U.C. Typ : 72.4

Specimen by [redacted]
Date [redacted] 9/27/56
by [redacted] 9/27/56

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Postcard addressed to "ELVIS PRESLEY MEMPHIS, TENN" and bearing message beginning "If you don't... and ending "...going to kill you."

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BUFFALO

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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SUBJEC~~T~~ SUBJECT;
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM

EXTORTION

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SUMMARY OF FACTS

Anonymous post card addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tenn., postmarked 8 PM on 8-30-56, at Niagara Falls, NY, is obscene and contained threat to kill. FBI Lab searched postal card in question through anonymous letter file without identifying it with a prior submission. Fanta, of case discussed with AUSA, Buffalo, NY, who declined prosecution on grounds that card appeared to be from "Frank" and states he would reconsider prosecution in the event victim received additional threatening communications.

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DETAILS: By communication dated September 6, 1956, Postal Inspector in Charge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, furnished an anonymous postal card addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tenn., postmarked 8:00 PM on August 30, 1956, at Niagara Falls, New York, to FBI Office at New York City who, in turn, furnished this postal card to the Buffalo Office. This postal card reads as follows:

"If you don't stop this (obscene word)
we're going to kill you."

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- 1 - Bureau (9-30361)
- 2 - FBI, Buffalo
- 3 - Memphis (Info)
- 4 - Buffalo (Info)

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The above message on the postal card was written in pencil and is printed.

By letter dated September 20, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that the hand-printing on the postal card in question was searched through the anonymous letter file without identifying it with a prior submission.

On September 27, 1956, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD E. MOOT at Buffalo, New York, who advised that in the event the identity of the unsub was obtained, he would decline prosecution inasmuch as the card appears to be from a "crank." Mr. Moot further advised, however, that in the event additional threatening cards or letters were received by the victim, he should be advised and additional consideration would be given him to the prosecution of the person involved.

It is being pointed out that the complete text of the message on the postal card, including the obscene word, was furnished to Mr. Moot.

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~~SECRET~~
Postcard postmarked Niagara Falls, N. Y., 8 PM, 8/30/75.

Addressed to: "ELVIS PRESLEY, Memphis, Tenn."

Containing message: "IF YOU DON'T STOP THIS
SHIT WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU."

It is noted this card was handprinted in pencil.

~~SECRET~~
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ATTACHED ~~RECORDED~~ ~~ENCLOSURE~~

BEING RETAINED.

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Transmit the following message via

AIR MAIL

~~AIR MAIL - REGULAR MAIL~~

From SAC, BUFFALO (S-200)

To: BUREAU, WITH FBI LABORATORY

MEMO: ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Enclosed is an anonymous postcard addressed to
ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tennessee, postmarked
8:00 PM, 8/30/56, at Niagara Falls, New York.

It is requested that this postcard be searched
through the Anonymous Letter File.

Buffalo is instituting appropriate investigations.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Buffalo

September 29, 1958

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
REPORT

Specimen received by: Buffalo

Specimen: Mail or Tele

Specimen received: Document

Specimen:

- (a) Post card postmarked "Niagara Falls, N.Y. 8 PM AUG 30 1958" addressed to "ELVIS PRESLEY MEMPHIS, TENN" and bearing message beginning "I'm gonna... and ending "I hope to see you again."

Source of examination:

The questioned hand printing on specimen #1 was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without identifying it with a prior submission. A photograph of this specimen will be added to this file for future reference.

Specimen #1 is retained herewith.

Specimen #1 - Registered Mail

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/19/60

FROM: ~~APP~~ ALEGAT, BONN (64-859)

SUBJECT: Changed:

- LAURENZ JOHANNES GRIESSEL-LANDAU
POLICE COOPERATION
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

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J. L. ...

The title in this case has been changed to reflect the correct name of the subject as reported by the Provost Marshal Division.

Rebucable to Bonn 12/30/59, entitled "LAURENY LANDAU, PCFM."

Information concerning the subject was furnished to this office by the Provost Marshal Division, Hqs., U.S. Army, Europe, with the indication that they wished to avoid any publicity in this matter since they did not want to involve ELVIS PRESLEY nor put him in an unfavorable light since PRESLEY had been a first-rate soldier and had caused the Army no trouble during his term of service. The information furnished by the Provost Marshal Division in a self-explanatory memorandum classified For Official Use Only is enclosed. Seven Photostats of letters from GRIESSEL-LANDAU to PRESLEY or to one of PRESLEY'S secretaries are also enclosed.

Foregoing is provided for information purposes.

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MEMORANDUM

3 February 1960

1. Elvis Presley was interviewed on 28 December 1959 concerning his complaint that he was the victim of blackmail by a Mr. Laurenz Johannes GRIESSEL-LANDAU, of Johannesburg, South Africa. GRIESSEL-LANDAU represents himself to be a doctor specialist in the field of Dermatology. GRIESSEL-LANDAU is not a medical doctor.

2. Copies of letters from GRIESSEL-LANDAU to Presley and Presley's private secretary were obtained on loan basis so that they could be photographed.

3. On or about 27 November 1959, GRIESSEL-LANDAU appeared at the residence of Elvis Presley in Bad Nauheim, Germany and began his treatments. These treatments took place in Presley's quarters in the presence of two female secretaries (both U. S.). The treatment involved Presley's shoulders and face.

4. Presley reports that GRIESSEL-LANDAU made several homosexual advances to some of his enlisted friends. GRIESSEL-LANDAU also is alleged to have admitted to Presley that he is bi-sexual. His first homosexual experiences took place early in his life in the orphanage in which he was brought up.

5. On 24 December 1959 Presley decided to discontinue the skin treatments. At the time that he told GRIESSEL-LANDAU of this decision he also thoroughly censured GRIESSEL-LANDAU for embarrassing him as a result of the improper advances that he (GRIESSEL-LANDAU) made to his (Presley's) enlisted friends. GRIESSEL-LANDAU immediately went into a fit of rage, tore up a photo album of Presley's, and threatened to ruin his singing career and to involve Presley's American girl friend (a 16 year old daughter of an Air Force captain). GRIESSEL-LANDAU further threatened to expose Presley by photographs and tape recordings which are alleged to present Presley in compromising situations. Presley assures us that this is impossible since he never was in any compromising situations. Presley contends that GRIESSEL-LANDAU is mentally disturbed. This is based upon the fits GRIESSEL-LANDAU has had and on his statements concerning the shock treatments he has been taking..

6. By negotiation, Presley agreed to pay GRIESSEL-LANDAU \$200.00 for treatments received and also to furnish him with a \$315.00 plane fare to London, England. GRIESSEL-LANDAU agreed to depart to England on 25 December 1959 at 1930 hours from Frankfurt, Germany. GRIESSEL-LANDAU did not leave as agreed, rather returned and demanded an additional \$250.00, which Presley paid. A day later GRIESSEL-LANDAU made a telephonic demand for 2,000 £ for the loss of his practice which he closed in Johannesburg, South Africa prior to his departure for Bad Nauheim to treat Presley.

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MEMORANDUM (Contd)

3 February 1960

7. GRIESSEL-LANDAU finally departed Rhein-Main Air Field, Frankfurt, Germany at 1600 hours, 6 January 1960 on Flight 491, British-European Airway for London, England under the name of GRIESSEL. He is alleged to be seeking entry into the United States. No contact between Presley and GRIESSEL-LANDAU has been reported since 5 January.

Warren H. Metzner

WARREN H. METZNER

Major, MPC

Chief, Investigations Branch

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During London,
Salon de Fleurs,
603/4/5 Classical Centre,
690 Plan & Windows Street,
Johannesburg,
South Africa,
9/10/57.

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people suffering from oily skin, enlarged pores, acne scars and wrinkles - control etc; and " expect Mr Elsie Presley to benefit from this scientific method and to receive just satisfaction as others have received. It has given me great pleasure to receive your enlightening and most welcome letter and from the innermost recesses of my heart I would welcome the opportunity to treat Mr Presley. The Elsie Presley treatments will be exactly the same as those based on the aromatherapy techniques practised in my Salon - through the odorous part of Flowers, aromatic plants and resins, and that of Kiosks, Carnations orange blossoms, Mimosa, Camomile, Cinnamon, rosewood Sandalwood etc; the treatments helps to vitalize the skin cells and structure

Dear Miss St. John,
In reply to your letter of the 6th October, I would like to give you the following information regarding my treatment. There are several substances used in oily aromatherapy treatment for the sake of their remedial, therapeutic and regenerating properties. I have recently received the World Patent Rights of this formula and the treatments may be given advantageously to people of any skin type and I would say it is very acceptable to

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beneath the Epidermis - which is continually being discarded. The Method employed to renew the protection in the Epidermis is the odorous substances by a method which are affjios but not violent. Before the actual treatment take a short preliminary Neurovascular massage will leave the skin more receptive. This is accomplished with the aid of a special cream of aromatic oils and fresh ingredients which accomplishes a deep cleansing at certain special emulsified. By using special methods in massage and warmth I aid the skin so that the aromatic oils are readily assimilated by the tissues. The skin tissues become activated and infused with new life and the texture of the skin is improved. The complexion more alive,

to Epidermis more elastic. The muscles of the face and features assume their youthful positions. This is to be understood because from a scientific point of view it can be proved that in these essential oils and ingredients combined exist a great number of free electrons. (and Nature provides for this)

These electrons which are responsible for the odor of certain perfectly organized molecules can penetrate the Epidermis and by infusing the epidermis with odorous molecules one injects Biological Energy - i.e. or in other words New Life. Mr. Elvis Presley can thus rest assured that his treatments will be individualized - that is to say - adapted to his health type or Epidermis. I am now busy preparing the treatment and composing

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mixtures of the essential oils and extracts that will suit his particular skin, the treatments will be most efficacious for enlarged pores oily skin and any blemish which will become less visible as the weeks move on into months.

Then too, there can be no possible bad effect to the skin in the future years if but instead if Mr. Elviss Presley decides to follow a cosmetic routine or rather make use of my special homeopathy - Missions & Clinics Home Method he will not age but instead become as handsome as I would like him to be." "So, Mr. Presley please don't worry about the small wrinkles on your forehead, you will not age. One or two cases a year will keep the skin in perfect condition. (1) Case consists of a series of 10, 18 or 20 treatments once or twice

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a week according to the demands of the particular case. The revitalized skin permits perfect make-up. A great asset to actresses and actors whose faces exposed to powerful flood lights must always be in perfect condition in order to retain a smooth make-up. The treatment will therefore be a boon & a blessing for Mr. Presley and as you have stated: "a quote" "He feels that there can possibly be an improvement in his skin when he returns to the States" Well this is so far as I can only suggest that Mr. Elviss Presley should start these treatments at quickly as possible. If you can convey my message of appreciation to Mr. Presley from the sincerest feelings he has shown. and it has my best regards

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Honest but I will not misplace
the trust in me to keep this very
confidential.

And you have asked me to
give you a prompt reply and how
I would like to arrange the matter
Well, Miss Beaumont I am due
to go back to our Farm within
the next 2 weeks and as my lectures
are going on the Market I intend
having a short rest. So, I am free
to treat Mr. Elvis Presley and can
leave by air for Bad Nauheim
Germany as soon as it is convenient.
and if Mr. Presley is quite satisfied
I'll come almost immediately. He
desires it. I shall wait your
reply to this letter and if Mr.
Presley desires it I'll send you
an overseas telegram before I leave

but, on the other hand a telegram
is not a very secret or thing as the
telegraph administration and Post office
would follow up the postmarked and
he doesn't know things. I could however
address a telegram to you in order
to inform you when I'm due to leave
would that be in order?

Furthermore still Beaumont, I
don't intend charging Mr. Presley for
the treatment until it is successful.
But, I would expect my air passage
return to be paid or rather that I
be reimbursed. Subsequently, before
my return to South Africa if it so
pleases Mr. Presley then too, as my
treatment takes about two months
and two weeks duration, I would
also expect my accommodation to be
provided for during that time.

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The report I am not expecting lavish treatment. Mr. Elvis Presley's treatments could be carried out in the privacy of his studio or in a suitable hotel room allowing for strict privacy. In this respect I should best leave all the arrangements to you after we have discussed the details. The amount of treatments I'm going to give Mr. Presley also depends on the reaction I will get after each treatment. depending on the equal balance between the acid and oil content of the skin and alternatively on the equal balance between the alkaline & moisture content. I will work towards that end and in order to achieve and to create a new healthy skin - time & patience is required and I do realize that

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Mr. Presley owns the admirable qualities of tolerance and patience and I would add Endurance; also how could he have achieved. Whilst his suitable arrangements will have to be made and I'm sure you will be able to make suitable appointments at the right time. The treatments last from about one to two and a half hours depending once again on the reaction I get. It will surprise you to hear that the better the reaction the longer the treatment last.

Concludingly. Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Elvis Presley.

I shall also be very appreciative if you will again forward me a reply at your earliest convenience

Thanking you for sincerely yours,



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Post Script.

Dear Miss Stefanek,

Second Thought I'll let you
and Mr Preddy know what
is my Bank's address is. In case
Mr Preddy care to send the
Bank a sum of money for my
Journey. My Bank is Barclays
Bank P.D.C.O.-registered limited
bank with which is amalgamated
The National Bank of South Africa
Limited. There are several branches
within Johannesburg. I am Banking
with the "Free Street Post Branch"
Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.
Furthermore, Mr Preddy could
get in touch with my solicitor
Mr D.I. Gordon who is a Lawyer

of Experts. address - Mr D.I.
Gordon 98 Secunity Building
Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.
Nevertheless I will certainly
Enquiries by "Trot-Airways"
Dby Ltd. Aircraft Operators
passenger etc, address: "Yorkshire
House", 16 Rissik and Phoolie
Streets, Box 2758, Johannesburg
and they informed me that
My air passage to Germany
to Dusseldorf will cost
me £200 Return and £105
single. From Dusseldorf arrangements
will be made to take me
to Bad Nauheim. Better still
however would be if you
people arrange it and send
my ticket from the Trot Airways
Office in Dusseldorf, and at

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one and the same time request
the "TICK" office to inform their
Johnsonburg Branch about the
Ticket and arrangements. In that
case please send the Ticket by
Registered Post. There is a 10/-
deduction on a Return ticket but,
if Mr. Elvis Presley doesn't
feel a single ticket could be
forwarded at the start. I mention
this to you as I'm a little
bit out of funds having paid
for recent Sony Recordings as
I'm bringing some of my Sings
to Mr. Elvis Presley which he
composed. Then too I've had to
buy farm equipment. - for tyres
and things in general. also the paying
of Income Tax etc. therefore
please explain the matter.

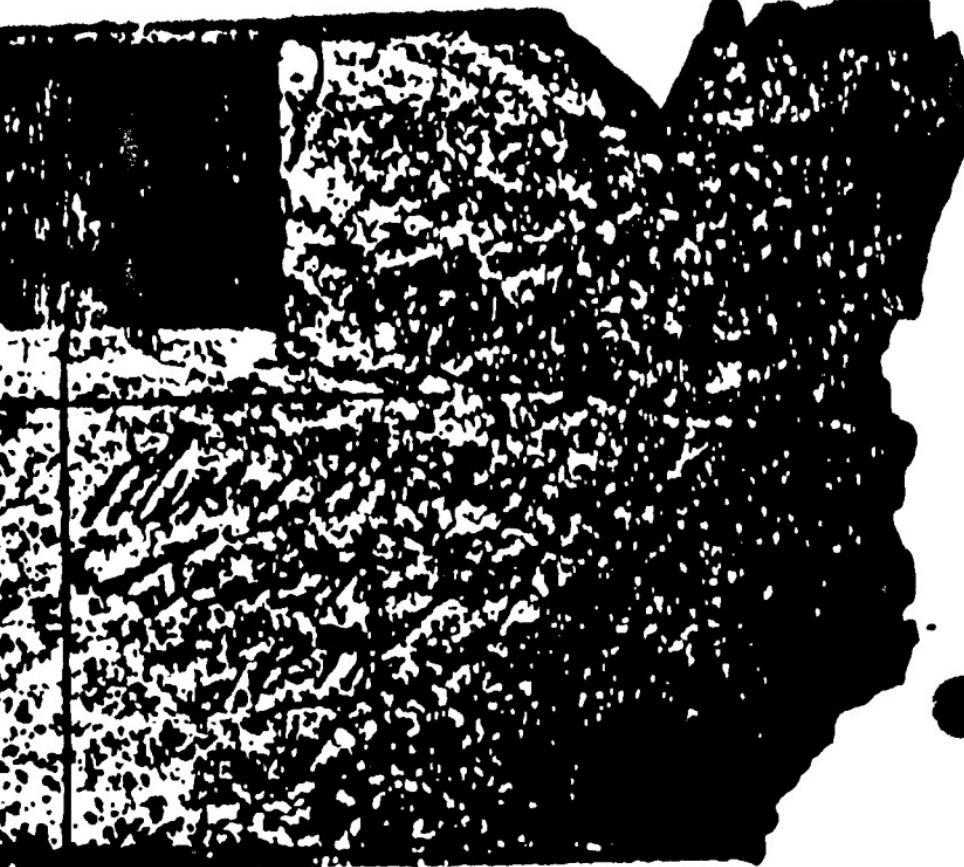
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to Mr. Elvis Presley who will
understand readily
Thanking you. & hoping
for a early favorable reply.
Yours truly,
James J. Landau.

Post Script.

Mrs. Deaconick, affected please
find a few nice pages all
about Elvis - "THE STAR OF
THE CENTURY." I would
not like to see him grow
older and who would?
(page 7) I clearly noticed the
wrinkles on Mr. Presley's
forehead & made a note of
it to you.
With every best wish.
Yours truly,
Laurenz J. Kander

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NB Please not my address.

I daresay J. Landau
of Mrs M. E. Landau.
"Elandskloof Farm,"
P. O. Mooiwooi
Via-Pretoria,
Transvaal,
South Africa.
26/10/59.

To Mr Elvis Presley.

Dear Elvis,

Trusting that
this note reaches you in good health
and in fine spirits. May I inform
you that I have cancelled many
new bookings, and that I have
completed all arrangements
for my departure to Germany.

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and I shall meet you upon
your return from Wildficken
so that you will be able to
start with your treatments almost
immediately.

After great honor and
and very privileged in having
been chosen for this important
task. In fact I am greatly
enthused in my mission and
assure you, as you are soon
to see, that I am going to
work wonders with your skin.

It is certainly my cherished
ambition to give you a complete
New Skin and I swear to achieve
this within the shortest possible

Time. I shall spare myself no efforts in this direction.

Please convey to your very good and charming secretary my sincerest thanks for all her kind attentions. - As you would say with your sense of humour "Miss Postage Stamp" must be over-worked what with all theail.
- Bless Her.

Enclosed find latest clipping from our Weekend local paper.

An Alivio & best wishes.

Yours truly,
Lauengy

P.O. Monrovia

Via - Petrona,

Transvaal

South Africa

10/11/1959

Dear Miss Stefanich.

had a reply to my last letter. I thought
I would write and let you know
that I have now made all the
arrangements to proceed to Germany.

I have in the meantime provided
for my fare from this end - so that
if you have already arranged
for same from Germany you
should let me know immediately.

Should I not hear from you
within the next few days - to say,
that it is too early to leave
in view of what you said in
your letter, - then I shall proceed
to Germany & cable you when

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to effect it. I'm looking
forward to being of service
to Mr Preddy and have no
doubt that I shall surprise him
with the results.

Enclosed is a Photo of our
Elvis out of an Italian Periodical
then too I'm sending you
"Show Biz" in which you'll see my
advertisement. I'm also enclosing
4 References from ladies I have
trated & will pass you along
in future if required.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours affecly,
James Stefanick,
Lauder

~~Post Script~~

Dear Mrs.

An International
Passport has been issued
to me and all arrangements
have been made, awaiting
your further instructions;
I wish you will be
kindly yours,

Yours truly,

~~Answered~~

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To Mr Elvius Preller,
of Miss E. Stepanek,
Goethestrasse 14.
Bad Nauheim Germany
H.C.P. am - Germanys

To: Mr. Elvis Presley
of Miss. Jefferson
Bad Gauheim

Dear Elvis, I sincerely
trust that this Epistle finds
you in the pink of health
and in high spirits, going
too. That you are shaping
up nicely on the Army. We
are all looking forward to
your return to civilian life
as soon as possible.

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Secretary Miss Chapman & I
trust that you will receive
this and kindly take
Notice of what some of my
clients have to say. If you
can see by the Attached
advertisement in Film Weekly.

"A few of ladies have received
Satisfaction and I might as well
add I always give Satisfaction."

Elvis, Once again I beg you
to allow me to be of great
service to you and let me
know when to come.

Enclosed Please find two
more recent References from
two satisfied ladies.

Concluding. I wish to
let you know that I have given
up my business and cancelled
many over bookings in order
to do for you. Elvis. Please
don't disappoint me. As I
won't be able to get over it easily.
Thank you & God bless you.

Sincerely Yours.

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During "Danden"
Hotel Rec
Bad Nauheim.

Dear Mr Elvis Presley

I wrote the attached letter on a Solicitor's instructions here in Bad Nauheim. But; I have decided since this morning: Sunday the 27/12/59 Not to take action against you. I am deeply sorry for you and know I feel that you miss something big in life, then so, its Unchristian to take anyone to court & I will just have to make up the loss and write

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The Very Worst of a Bad Situation
and that all over again with a New Son.
One must also have consideration
for those who suffered a bereavement
as the attached article ~~Markell~~^{states.}

You have lost a Mother
and since this is your second
year in the Army & since
you have had to go through
so much in life I sympathize
with you & forgive you. I'm only sorry
you had no time for my treatise of long duration.
Yes, we must be forgiving or
so another - that's how it goes. Regards
to Elizabeth and wish you all happiness.
I am leaving Bad Nauheim for
a better clime and wish you every
success & happiness in the future. try & keep
up the old tradition. Blk. You truly, David J. 110

28/12/57

Dear Elvis,

Don't worry about this letter.

Now I have been very lost

Because things did not turn out
the way I expected. and as you had
more time for the other things which
interest you most. - I could not carryon.

I get results well, as I've said there
is no ill feeling anymore and I
wish you well. and that goes

for Elizabeth, Lamar, Rex, Cliff, Vic
Dee, your Dad - mom, - grandpa & your
friends. Good Luck to Elvis.

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